
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 867

AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

SUMMARY:

This bill adds the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) Faculty Advisory Committee to serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the BOR. However, the bill prohibits these faculty members from attending BOR executive sessions.

While the bill adds these two ex-officio members, it does not increase the total number of BOR members from 19, under current law, to 21.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Definition of Executive Sessions

Executive sessions are meetings that are closed to the public for the purpose of discussing:

1. the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;
2. pending claims or litigation to which a public agency or member is a party;
3. security strategy, deployment of security personnel, or public security devices;
4. the lease, sale, or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state, when public discussion may cause a price increase prior to final transaction; or

5. any matter that would disclose information in public records that are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/26/2013)